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SYMBOLIC DRAWINGS

SYMBOLIC DRAWINGS are highly prized by students of occultism. They are valued for that which they are capable of expressing that is beyond mere words. Many thoughts, perhaps a lifetime of study, can be condensed into one such chart. Examples of these are the Tetracties or Tetragrammaton of Pythagorus and the Mayan Symbol of Being.

In symbols such as these, the instructor can only point out the emblems and the "things" which are symbolized. The student must seek of their messages for himself. If he searches deeply, understandingly and patiently, he will discover in the symbolic drawing that is the frontispiece to this lesson, knowledge beyond his present instructions and gain understanding beyond that which can be taught by words. And each student may discover some special Truth for himself by contemplation of this picture over a long period of time.

Yes, time and patience and searching are necessary. In symbolism, if one is to understand it at all, he can lean but lightly upon the arm of his instructor. The student must stand alone, advance into it alone, and receive its Revelations alone, according to the preparation he has been given, and his ability to receive. Alone, yet in full knowledge that behind him are the Companions of his class and the Brotherhood of his entire Order.

Can YOU see the symbology of this picture?

"...And darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said: 'Let there be Light' and there was Light. And God saw the Light, ... that it was good and God divided the Light from the darkness."

"...And God said: 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.'"

One can only hope to point out a few of the aspects of this drawing in written words. More than that must await your own discovery, and your receipt of further knowledge. Briefly, then, the ancient ones considered all visible things to be made up of combinations of four elements only. These were listed as: -- Earth, Air, Fire and Water.

Air, Fire and Water are quickly noted by the informed Mayan student, and the red Square of Being in the center represents Earth. For Being is manifested as four-square only during Earth Life. The Mountains and their Reflection in the Symbol of Being help carry out this thought.

That part of the Symbol of Being which is below the surface of the waters is, of course, invisible to us. We cannot know its exact shape. Yet, we can deduce its shape from that which is definitely known. Indeed reflection reveals its shape so clearly, that the symbol is shown--as perfectly and as distinctly as though it were unobscured.

Outer darkness--the void is shown. The rings of Fire, the sun-emblem of the All. The Hebrew Yod, the microcosm and the macrocosm, too, are easily found. The blue of Truth, the white of Purity, the red of Spirit and Energy and the black of outer ignorance beyond the circle are easily discovered. The calm, deeps of peaceful waters, the brooding Harmony of the illustrated, "AS ABOVE, SO BELOW" must also appeal to the Initiated.

Enter into the scene, and study the reflections and relationships of each revealed part and power. Give thought to the Harmony of the parts of Being and their reactions upon each other. Enter into the scene with your very Mind and Soul, until you feel as though you were being baptized in the waters of the Heavenly deeps. Thus, you may discover Revelations of new understandings of the Nature of your God and You.

These Revelations are not for all students, even those in Mayanry. But, for those who do attain knowledge there is an ecstasy of the Mind beyond previous experience. Those who cannot reveal it unto themselves, if they are Mayans, may rest content in the knowledge that it is all here in this symbolic picture, and that they, too, may share the ecstasy when they have become better prepared.

Nothing has been withheld. It is simply that some come into this life more advanced, better equipped by previous life experiences and are thus more able to attune to symbolic things more readily. These people, in some respects, at least, need these instructions far less than those not so well prepared, but it is a lesson that all must learn sooner or later. And, the more we strive in the right direction, the sooner the Revealment and the more desirably we fulfill our higher destiny.

For all humanity travels upon the same path in this matter. All true Mayans travel it in Beloved Companionship, for they have shown Faith even beyond understanding. Therefore, understanding must come to glorify that Faith. Be, therefore, patient when you do not understand and have Faith that the Revelations will come.

And God said:

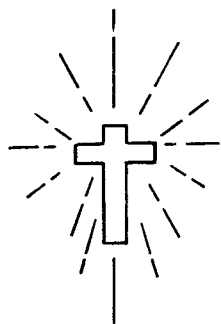
"Let There Be Light . . . And There Was Light."

The Twenty-eighth Revelation

*B*eloved Companion:

In ages past, man was accustomed to the religious and scientific use of magical incantations, mantrams or sacred verses, which, uttered properly in all their tonal qualities, gave to man a feeling of spiritual beatitude, uplift and understanding unknown to ordinary consciousness. Our lesson opens with one such mantram which, if concentrated upon in solitary meditation, calmness and peace, may indeed bring about for you a fuller understanding of the subtle forces behind all human rebirth.

In all ages and among all peoples, man has striven to recognize his kinship with the life around and the universe above. Let us consider two illustrations of this fundamental truth as given in the great scriptures of the world.

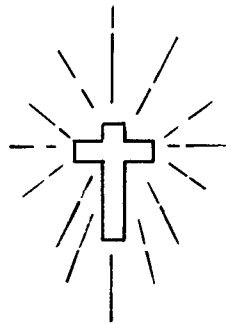


"That which shines glorious above yonder heaven.....above this world and above all others, large or small, is the same as that which shines within mankind."

- Chandogya Upanishad

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN. And the Light shineth in darkness, and, the darkness comprehended it not."

- John 1: 1 - 5



In these ancient statements, we find a clear declaration of the unity of all manifested life: THE ONE LIFE behind human rebirth. The term God or SELF, either one, conveys to the Mind of each individual his or her personal conception of Power, Energy, Love, Eternity, Truth, Intelligence or Wisdom. It is an old occult truism that man moulds God in his own image. That is, OUR CONCEPTION of the One Supreme Architect is always modified by OUR ABILITY to express God in our lives.

Various ancient peoples had different conceptions of God. Perhaps the wisest expression of the One Life was given by the Mayans and the Hindus. Archaeologists have said that the Mayans "worshipped" the Sun. What they failed to understand was that Mayans did NOT worship the physical sun, but rather the Supreme Spiritual Sun, the Great Spirit of whom the solar physical envelope was but its crude symbol. This beautiful and profound truth has also been given in the Gayatri of the Hindus:

"Unveil, O thou who givest sustenance to the Universe, from whom all proceed, to whom all must return, that face of the true Sun now hidden by a vase of golden light that we may see the Truth and do our whole duty on our journey to Thy Sacred Seat."

In utilizing the Symbol of the Sun as representative of the One God, the Mayans were enabled to give unlimited expression to the Universal Energy, the Spiritual Principle which is the basis of all manifested life. It was from this principle, the LIGHT THAT SHINETH IN DARKNESS, the LIFE which is the LIGHT of man, that all our manifested life has been derived.

In order to better understand the possibilities of human rebirth, we must accept the ancient scriptural teachings given as a declaration of evolutionary law and that our present life is but one incident, one chapter in the boundless evolution of the Soul, out from the ONE ETERNAL, IMMUTABLE PRINCIPLES and then --- back again.

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You will remember the beautiful allegory given by Jesus, of the Prodigal Son. He desired to travel into far countries and satisfy his longings by new experiences and environmental conditions. Thus, he begged his father to divide his patrimony, and allow him to go forth. This accomplished, the son set forth and traveled in distant lands. He squandered his wealth in riotous living, and when impoverished, he tasted the fruits of bitterness, social ostracism and disease. Living on "husks that the swine did eat"

he remembered the sumptuous repasts in his father's home, and longed for even a crust from his table. He set forth on the long journey back to his home. The father, perceiving his son in the distance, ordered him welcomed, a fatted calf killed, and new clothes laid out. The father welcomed the prodigal without reproach but the other son was not so happy. Nevertheless, the prodigal was accepted back into the life of his father's home with great joy and celebration.

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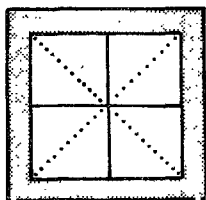
If, as with all spiritual allegories, we undertake to seek the real meaning hidden in this story, we will find the entire marvelous outline of the journey of the human soul from the One Life, the Father's Home, out into the tribulations, sorrows, experiences and trials of birth on this physical plane when, compared to the peace and glory of purely spiritual life, the soul feeds upon the "husks", the passions, ambitions, desires, hates, lusts and sorrows. Then, after great experience, wisdom garnered through countless personal experiences, the Soul enters the upward trend of its evolution back again to the Father's House. Welcomed as one who has conquered, the prodigal is again accepted as even better than the other son -- the souls who did not go forth into physical incarnation. For do not the Scriptures tell us that enlightened man will stand before the angels? Thus, in allegory have profound Truths been veiled.

MAYANS The Darwinian theory of evolution is more or less an effort to trace the
MANAS physical ascension of man in orderly sequence from lower animal forms to
MIND greater and greater, finer and finer modes of expression. Yet physical
MAN evolution is not by any means the whole story of man. He is something
grander than this flesh, superior to its failings, passions and desires.
Man is not merely a body for animals have almost the same identical forms. One
of the chief arguments for physical evolution has been the existence of the anth-
ropoids, the monkeys and apes.

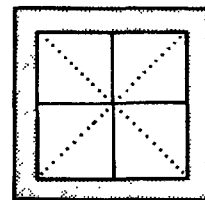
But, in man we see the existence of a spiritual power that has been seek-
ing through all these countless millions of years and in innumerable forms with
many gradations of organic structure, to find ultimate perfect expression upon all
the planes of his being: physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. The most un-
derstandable expression of this spiritual power, as manifest in man, could be sum-
med up in the one word: MIND. It is a curious fact that the derivatives of the
term "man" come from the ancient Sanskrit word "Manas": Mind. This is a direct
esoteric hint that man is not man until he can express in some respect his innate
mental powers.

The same hint reaches us from ancient Atlantis, in the word "Mayan" which
is correctly pronounced "My'an" with both a's almost inaudible.

If we are to accept the teaching of John in the first five verses of his
Gospel, we come to the truth that:



YOUR BODY IS GOD IN PHYSICAL EXPRESSION.
YOUR MIND IS GOD IN MENTAL EXPRESSION.
YOUR SPIRIT IS THE ENERGY AND POWER OF GOD.
YOUR SOUL IS THE SUBSTANCE OF GOD.



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The great philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson, in his Natural History of
the Intellect writes: "We constantly discover analogies which lead us to the con-
viction that Mind builds the Universe and is the key to all it contains. Will it
not, then, be a study of man -- as Mind -- that we shall come to know God?"

That which differentiates man from man and man from the animal, the ani-
mal from the vegetable, the vegetable from the mineral, can be summed up in the
one word,

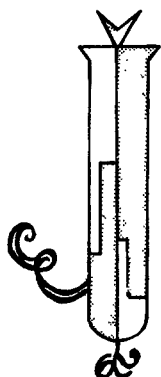
.....CONSCIOUSNESS.....

As Mind represents the flowering of consciousness, it is wise that we un-
derstand it better.

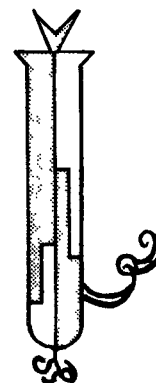
You, in your physical existence, are Conscious of your present existence
through the avenues of the five physical senses: smell, taste, hearing, feeling

and sight. These senses are themselves physical and therefore know naught of a previous existence. No more does the Brain which is a physical organ, imitating in physical form the far greater powers of the Mind.

Through the senses, you become physically aware of the world around. Yet there exists states of consciousness below that of our present human phase as well as far above it. The purpose of evolution appears to be the ever-widening scope of consciousness.



Your unconscious recognition of this is the thing about you that makes you different than the great masses of mankind. This urge within you has been tested in the early examinations you successfully passed. This desire within you is the most important consideration to be noted by the instructor in charge of your class, in his report to the Trustees. The will to grow better, . . . to expand your Consciousness, to attain to wisdom and understanding more than any other thing, is what makes us Companions. For we HAVE BEEN Companions through many, many ages. We would have been Companions even if there had been no Mayan Order, even if no instructors had ever come out of long lost Atlantis, even if we were not now living in incarnate bodies.



Lack of this desire, more than any other single thing, is what causes many applicants to be rejected for membership in our Order. If they are accepted and their desire is not true, this causes them to soon drop out. For they are not true Companions in the Wisdom and, until somewhere along the ages that desire becomes a part of them, they cannot hope to be Companions.

This is the secret urge deep within you that is leading you toward perfection. You are one of a selected group of gifted souls who Companion us. The time the journey requires depends mostly upon yourself, the application to your life of Truth, the sincerity of your perseverance.

Our experience shows that less than one half of one per cent of mankind is capable of embarking on the journey you have already encompassed.

CONSCIOUSNESS in the mineral kingdom leads the atoms to form themselves in a manner that produces a certain form and color. In the vegetable kingdom, it guides the plants and trees to seek the life-giving forces of the sun, the vine to find the trellis, the seed to find nourishment in the soil, to express itself fully.

CONSCIOUSNESS in the animal kingdom brings instinctive knowledge, guides reproduction, teaches the birds to build their nests, leads them unerringly on their strange migrations.

CONSCIOUSNESS, the flowering of Consciousness in man, enables him to reason, to judge, to will and to obtain

greater enjoyment. Consciousness is everywhere but its manifestations depend upon the form it works through.

A CIVILIZED MAN MAY SEE BEAUTY IN A PAINTING
WHERE A SAVAGE WOULD SEE ONLY DAUBS OF COLOR.
THUS, CONSCIOUSNESS IS LIMITED BY THE FORM THROUGH WHICH IT MANIFESTS.

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The Will, or The Word, or God in man, can be said to manifest through Instinct, Intellect and Intuition. Instinct is the inborn or Sub-Conscious power of Mind, which is apparently independent of Will. It is predominant in the animal. Intellect is our present reasoning Consciousness which connects Instinct with Intuition and makes of the three a Unity.

Thus, these three modes of Consciousness are really ONE and form its Sub-Conscious manifestation, Conscious expression and spiritual perfection. The animal acts through Instinct without self-knowledge; the human acts through reasoning perception while Intuition can guide man without the necessity of Instinct or reason. Man has often considered reason as the crown of his Intellectual perfection but not so the Mayan sages. Indeed, it has been said that:

"Reason has Moons...but Moons not her own.
Confounding her astronomers...But Oh! Delighting Me."

We all know that reason can lead us into side-issues and erroneous conceptions for sense perceptions are, as Plato taught, often untrustworthy. When we study, reason, debate, analyze or follow details, we do not necessarily contact Intuition. Intuitive knowledge has no reasonable basis for its origin for it synthesizes and perceives inwardly in a flash without apparent mental action. It is the inward knowledge for it appears to well up from within.

One might well believe that Intuition is the sum-total of the wisdom man has garnered through his many lives on earth. It was by means of Intuition that the ancients were able to lay down the foundations of spiritual thought for Intuition is a faculty of the Soul which, after or during mental effort, suddenly reveals to us the Truth. It is a form of ecstasy, of Revelation, illumination or direct perception. Of Intuition, Emerson wrote:

"The heart which abandons itself to the Supreme Mind, finds itself related to all its works and travels a royal road to particular knowledge and powers. It enters into the closet of God and sees causes."

Naturally the Intuitive processes vary in mankind, depending upon the mental and spiritual aspirations of the individual. We regard Intuition as the possible goal of evolution, for with its flowering comes remembrance and greater purpose in life. Intuition could well be termed the developing sixth sense. Let us consider, in relation to the doctrine of rebirth, the following, and personal

experience of the Reverend A. H. Sayce, D.Litt., LL.D., D.D. (the famous Assyriologist and Archaeologist) in an extract from Page 6 of his book, REMINISCENCES, published by MacMillian, London, 1923. Referring to his childhood, Rev. Sayce writes of a personal experience which illustrates Intuition in a high form of its manifestation:

"I spent pleasant hours in an unreal world which, after all, seemed a far more real world than that of the suffering in which I lived. Strange waking visions -- I can use no other phrase -- would come upon me suddenly, blotting out the actual present and substituting for it, during a few moments, actuality even more intense. As I grew older these 'waking visions' became more and more infrequent, until after the age of twenty-one, they ceased altogether.

"One of the last is typical of what they were like. It was during the first long vacation after my going to Oxford and I had been hunting butterflies one afternoon in Dorsetshire. I remember, I was leaning on a gate, a little tired, and gazing at a stretch of moorland covered with heather and furze. Suddenly the scene before me disappeared and in place of it was a desert with a hot sun burning down upon it from a cloudless sky while a train of camels and camel drivers came slowly towards me from a range of mountains to the southeast. And then, as always on such occasions, I seemed to know every man in the cavalcade and every path in the distant hills.

"What wonder that in my childish days I believed instinctively in the doctrine of reincarnation and only later on awakened to the fact that it was not also the belief of those around me. One result of these 'waking visions' was that in some cases I cannot tell whether scenes that I can still see vividly before me have really formed a part of my workaday life. I can still see, for example, a salmon leap; some of the fish making a false leap and landing, not in the water, but upon a dry rock where they would lie gasping for a minute or two before making a fresh effort to reach the water, which several of them, in spite of all their endeavors, failed to do. And yet, in my present actual life I can never have seen anything of the sort."

Strange indeed are the experiences that many men and women have had in relation to these Intuitive memories of pre-existence but, for most of us, our Intuitions come only in mental convictions, impressions, arising without regard to reason which afterwards prove true. Let one but banish for a time the acquired prejudices of the personal Mind which have been developed through contact with current ideas, and meditate upon these wise teachings of the Mayans and slowly the conviction will arise, nevermore to leave one, that pre-existence is a fact of Nature.

Looking down the ages we find here and there, men and women of every culture, race and religion, affirming the Truths laid down here. The idea of rebirth only appears "new" because it is so old -- so ancient -- that it swayed the Minds

of millions and moulded the thought system of peoples in all the antique ages. Unfortunately for us of the modern world, the idea dropped out of European thought and, ceasing to be a factor in western mental and moral development, its absence in the educational systems aided in bringing about the Dark Ages.

The overwhelming ignorance and spiritual materialism of the Dark Ages almost put out the Light of Ancient Philosophy, Science and Metaphysics, and one of the grandest doctrines the world has ever known perished for a time.

Yet, great thinkers, philosophers and scientists have ever perceived in the idea of rebirth the only possible solution in a scientific manner of the problems of human life, its inequality, and sorrows. For justice is unthinkable until we make rebirth a working factor in our philosophies. The world needs the ideas of rebirth and Karmic justice today as never before. And perhaps in these twin principles of Mayan philosophy will be found the solution to the perplexing problems of our times.

ONE MIGHT ASK ...

What is the cause or meaning of the wide difference in men? Why is it one person lives only to eat, drink and be merry while another finds enjoyment in the affairs of higher order, has ideals apart from passion and has mental processes or visions which enquire into a world remote from that of the former? Another, perhaps, has risen above the turmoil, passion and irascibility of purely personal life.

One is dominated by desire, inflamed by the vice of anger and motivated by personal tendencies, while another views life from the calm mountain peak of reason, judgment and reflection. Indeed it is too much to say that all men are born free and equal for one may be the slave of his desires and another the victim of his ambitions.

Materialism cannot answer the problem. It can be found only in the philosophy that recognizes man as a being in the process of becoming God. And this is the sum-total in general of the Mayan Law, of human evolution and the problems of human rebirth.



In esoteric Astrology we also find a confirmation of this Truth. Why is it that one is born at the particular time when a certain grouping of the planets determine the events and opportunities of a lifetime?

Why should one man have a "lucky" horoscope and another have an "unlucky" one? Yet this WHY of human existence would remain an unanswerable riddle if we refuse to consider the pre-existence of the Soul. The eternal justice of a God of Love would seem but mockery if we fail to realize the Truth.

Why should one man come under favorable influences of the stars and be born to a happy, fortunate life while another comes into life under adverse influences to suffer illness, disease and sorrow unless each Soul is reaping the fruit of what it has itself sown?

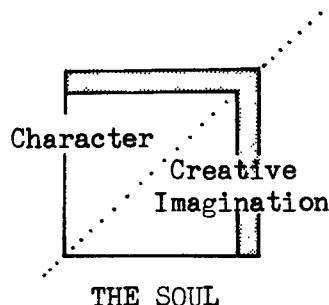
The Law of Eternal Causation . . .

. . . AS YE SOW -- SO SHALL YE REAP . . .

cannot be frustrated, either by disbelief or false convictions. Thus, the theory of rebirth asserts the existence of a living Soul which might be said to dwell in and inform man, a principle which upon the death of the body, passes after a rest to rebirth in another body.

The Lives might be likened to pearls which are strung together, the thread of which gives them a purpose, the law of consequence or Karma. The teaching also implies the evolution of this life-principle, which can be likened to a ladder up the steps of which our humanity must climb. The difference in persons being only the step they have reached upon this ladder of immortal existence.

Though eternal in essence, the human Soul could be said to vary in development or individuality: This too, is why there are backward classes behind others in culture, civilization and importance.



As the evolving life passes from form to form, it stores up the wisdom acquired from its experiences and step by step, develops character. There are no gaps in the human evolution or expression of Mind nor shall there be. The immortal Being is the Alpha and Omega of existence.

GOD IS ALL. ALL IS GOD. We are an important part of Him who created us in His Image. Let us live according to that so, if the question should be asked, "Are you a son of God?" you can answer in Truth, -- "I AM".

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BELOVED COMPANION: Let the Light of this Revelation penetrate and illuminate your Mind. Read, Mark, Learn and Inwardly Digest. Meditate upon these Truths. In the silent hours of your Meditation, WISDOM WILL COME.

PREPARE . . . KNOW THYSELF!